

Congressman Childers Announces \$7.6 Million in Recovery Act Funding for Mississippi Watershed Projects

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Washington, DC - Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will deliver \$7.6 million in additional funding for projects in Mississippi to improve water quality, increase water supply, decrease soil erosion, and improve fish and wildlife habitat while creating jobs in rural communities as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"This significant Recovery Act funding will help conserve our environment and also promote economic development in Mississippi's local communities," said Congressman Childers. "The implementation of these shovel-ready projects will help to quickly create and save much-needed jobs throughout the state, continuing to help move our economy along on the road to recovery."

The following is a list of funded projects in Mississippi:

Projects

Funding

Ellison Creek

\$1,875,000

Little and Upper Tallahatchie

\$2,200,000

Town Creek

\$930,000

Yazoo-Arkabutla Creek

\$1,000,000

Yazoo-Upper Piney Creek

\$875,000

Yazoo-Upper Skuna River

\$750,000

Recovery Act funds for these projects will be used for conservation practices to achieve a healthy environment through conserving water and improving irrigation efficiency, controlling soil erosion and installing filter strips, flood-proofing homes, enhancing stream corridor and floodplain functions, constructing small flood control dams, and improving wildlife and aquatic habitat.

The jobs the Recovery Act creates in the private sector will enhance the rate of restoration and improve watershed management so that the impacts of flooding will decline and communities are safer, sooner.

USDA is directing technical and financial assistance available through this funding toward projects that are ready to begin and that will relieve stress on local economies through the creation of jobs.

For more information on the First District's and Mississippi's share of Recovery Act funds, visit Congressman Childers' online Recovery Tracker at <http://www.childers.house.gov/>.

A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit <http://www.childers.house.gov/>.

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